

# Holy Family Church

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**Sunday Mass:** 11.00am.

**Weekday Mass:** Thur: 9.15am. (Other weekdays: 9.15am at St. Anthony's)

**Exposition:** Friday 6.30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** on request

**Holy Family Primary school:** 727471 **Covenant Books:** 735993

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## *From Darkness into Light*

*Early in the morning, while it was still dark...* 'That's where Easter began two millennia ago. It's where Easter still begins now: in the dark. Easter began with fear and bewilderment. The first disciples had to hope *in the midst* of their struggles, in the heart of the shadows.' [1]

*.... While it was still dark, Mary came running to the tomb,* while there was no hope, while she was in despair, while she felt lost, alone and bereft. The dawning of hope arises in those places where we are most hopeless, lost in the darkness of our despair. It is a hope that we are unable to engineer ourselves because it is a much larger hope than we can ever imagine. Unless the small picture that we have of our lives is shattered, we will not be able to awaken to the fuller picture that is possible.' [2]

'Every life crisis carries within it the kernels of a reversal, a renewal, an expansion, a leap in consciousness, and a letting go of the old and a birth of the new.' [3]

'The Easter message of **life** is found in the midst of death, not apart from it. The Easter message of **hope** arises from the centre of our sorrows and losses, not apart from them.

The Easter message of **new possibilities** is at the heart of business as usual, not apart from it. Death is real but it is not the end.

Those are truths of this day. They do not change the circumstances of our life but they change us in the midst of those circumstances. They do not eliminate our difficulties and problems, but they see us through those difficulties and problems.' [4]

*May the spirit and light of this Easter morning lead us from darkness into the light of peace and hope and transfiguration. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously.* [5]

*Adapted: [1] Debie Thomas [2] Sharon Grussendorf [3] David Hawkins [4] Michael Marsh [5] John O' Donohue*

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 30th March 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Mollie Walmsley Evie Bamber	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Harry Lonsdale	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Lister	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Kilshaw	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	K.M. Job	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Theresa Lockheart	<i>6pm Stations of the Resurrection</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention (S.A.) For our parish	<b><i>Second Sunday of Easter</i></b> <i>Divine Mercy</i>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 70 Offertory: £90. Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Joe Rogers, Marie Kilshaw, Special Intention (S.A.), Harry Lonsdale, Moira & Jim Airey.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the sick, and the elderly, especially Fr. Michael Murphy, Fr. Harry Holden, Fr. Daniel Etienne, Mgr. Frank Slattery, Fr. John Heaney, Harold Slack, Ray Mannion, Maya, Trevor Hughes, Claire, Patsy Jarvis, Vera, David Tyers, Esther Murphy, Joe Connolly, Karen Gunter;

We pray for those who have died recently: Jean Walkden, Annie King, Marie Kilshaw;

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jack Green, Vincent Waddington, Isabella Weir, Lizzy Lawler, Evie Bamber, K.M. Job, Bill Carter, Annie Moore, Catherine Bremer, Bill Rain, Annie Harford, Joseph Casey, Mary Kellett.

*Father, may these, and all we have known who have gone before us, be received into the glory of the Resurrection, won for us by your Son Jesus, the risen Lord.*

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Opening hours: Thursday & Friday 10am-4.00pm; Saturday 10.00-12noon

## Holy Week and Easter

Thanks again to all who generously gave their time to ensure worthy celebrations of these great liturgies of the year - it takes many people, many hours and generosity of gifts and time - sacristans; altar servers; organist; singers; readers; flower arrangers; those cleaning and preparing the churches; and last but not least all who come and join our community to celebrate together. Thank you to all who support our parish community in any way, not least through your offertory collection throughout the year. May God bless you all abundantly this Easter!

**Stations of the Resurrection** - Friday 5th April 6.00pm

St. Anthony's are presenting a reflection on 14 moments of the resurrection story.

## Holy Family Primary School

We are sorry that our headteacher, Mrs Janet Westray will be retiring at the end of the school year. She has had a tremendous impact in that past five years. Anyone who has come to Thursday Mass or other school occasions will know how much the children's understanding and behaviour has changed in that time. Parishioners often comment on this.

At the same time, we are delighted to announced that our deputy headteacher, Mrs Lindsay Morrison has been appointed as our new headteacher. Her appointment has been widely welcomes and we are confident that our school is in good hands and will continue to make good progress. We thank our school Governors for their continued dedicated support of the staff and children of our school.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

We've asked bishop Paul to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish soon. Arrangements will be announced soon.

**Wednesday Evening Group at St. Anthony's - 7.00 - 8.00 pm**

We are taking a break from our meetings until after Easter. We shall meet on 17th April 7.00pm. Keep an eye on the noticeboard and newsletter for what we are watching next.



May you have a very  
happy and blessed Easter!